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For: DETECTION OF PREHARVEST SPROUTING
IN CEREAL GRAINS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003, from October 15, 2003, to on or January 15, 2004.

A check for the statutory fee of \$475.00^{1/} is attached. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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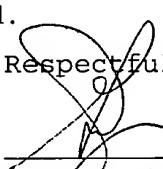
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^{1/} Applicant is entitled to small entity status.

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